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25X1A **ORIGIN**

Ar. Mladén Ivekovic, recently appointed Tugoslav Minister in Rome, was born in Croatia in the same province as Tito. He is 43 and married to a relative of Augustincic, a sculptor who is now a highly placed official in Yugoslavia. Ivekovic studied in Vardsdin and at Zagreb University, and, after taking a degree, obtained employment with an insurance firm in Belgrade.

- 2. In 1935, at the Fifth Congress of the Comintern in Moscow, it was decided that propaganda was to be spread among the workers as well as in the sections. This plan called for the placing of trusted members of the Party in all legal organizations in the country. Agents were instructed to concentrate on social problems and not to speak of Communism. This activity was to be emphasized in the workers' unions. For this reason, a special committee, part of the Communist Party, was organized in Yugoslavia to organize and direct the Farty there. The Chief of this committee was Dr. Hadzija, a leading official in the Social Insurance office in Zagreb, and Dr. Ivekovic, his deputy, whose special task was organizing the Party in the workers'
- This organization was discovered in 1936, and Ivekovic was arrested, imprisoned, and dismissed. He was released through amnesty, but was subsequently arrested and imprisoned several times for Communist propaganda.
- 4. During the war he fought with Tito's Partisans, and now is an important official of the Party, close to Tito.
- In March and April 1947 he was in Rome, and went from there to Belgrade and Moscow.

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